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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2008, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 21, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.